

Application No.: 09/840,558
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Remarks/Arguments

Claims 1-22, 25-28, and 30-34 are in the application. Claims 1, 8, 10, 11, 20, 22, 25, 26, 27, and 31 are in independent form. Claims 1-22, 26-28, 30 and 32-34 are allowed.

Claims 25 and 31 are objected to as being dependent upon rejected base claims, but would be allowable if rewritten into independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 25 and 31 are rewritten into independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

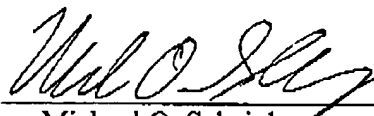
Claims 23, 24, 29, and 35 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) for obviousness over U.S. Pat. No. 6,114,695 to Todokoro et al. Claims 23, 24, 29, and 35 are cancelled.

Dependent claims 30 and 32 are amended to be consistent with their parent claims.

The rejected claims having been cancelled and the objected to claims having been rewritten, applicants respectfully requests that the application be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,

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